

**Henry Bouquet to George Washington, November 16, 1758, with Report on Axes, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.**

**FROM COLONEL BOUQUET.<sup>1</sup>**

CAMP AT LOYAL HANNAN 16th Novr 1758

DEAR SIR

I am directed by the General to inform you that he had receiv'd your Letter, and Sends you 42 falling axes which could not be collected Sooner.

The General thinks that Col. Armstrong is not upon the good Road, Therefore desires that you Send Capt. Shelby to blaze the road before you and bring Col. Armstrong's Party in it.

The distance of his last Encampment being only 16 miles from here, does not answer our Purpose and the General wishes that you would join him, (in cutting the Road) to day, and march together or his Detachmt. before you as you may think best. and mark out an Incampment at about 20, or 22 miles from here, as we had agreed, where you are to Stay intrenching your Camp untill Col Montgomery joins you;

You will then take the necessary Tools and march wth. a Sufficient force to the heads of Turtle Creek where you [mutilated]<sup>2</sup> Camp — leaving to Col. Montgomery's Brigade the Road to cut to you.

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The Beeves for your four days meat go wth. Col. Montgomery's Brigade, and I shall bring wth. me a Supply for Col. Armstrong's Party, whose men are to join their respective Corps as they come up.

I hope to be wth. you as Soon as Col. Montgy. tho' I Set out only to morrow.

I am Dr. Sr. Your most obedt hble Servant H. BOUQUET

P. S. as the Troops behind you have no Tools, the General desires that nothing be left undone upon the Road, of what you judge necessary; & begs you would get a Chimney built for him, in Each of the extreme [multilated]<sup>3</sup> Camps.

1 Addressed. — On his Majesty's Service To Colonel Washington Commanding the Troops to ye Westward

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